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NEW BUSINESS HOUSE

Contrary to the original plans of the owner to build a frame building between the Star Theater and Mrs. Steven's on Railroad avenue, a modern business house with a brick fire wall adjoining the theater was begun by Contractor Jack Heather on Tuesday. There will be two store rooms in the building, 90 feet long. Through the efforts of John T. Muir to promote the general welfare of Lordsburg the brick wall was decided upon. It is expected that the building will be up within 30 days.

W. H. Small received plans and specifications Tuesday for his modern two story brick business house that is to be erected adjoining the Star theater on the east, on Railroad avenue. It is planned to begin this building at once and when completed it will be the finest in Lordsburg.

AU REVOIR

Joe Nygren, former manager of the drug department of the Eagle Drug Mercantile Company, left Tuesday morning for Douglas, Ariz., where he has accepted a responsible position with the Douglas Drug Co. All Lordsburg regrets to learn of his departure. Joe has been foremost in every public enterprise and has been a big asset to this city. On Monday night an informal farewell party was held at the Nygren home for Mr. and Mrs. Nygren and a large crowd gathered to bid Joe goodbye. Several musical numbers were rendered by Miss Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Spink, the Messrs. Nead, Dr. Crocker, Matt Mansfield, Miss Mary Beam, Miss Trimble and Joe Nygren, with choruses by every one. The only regrettable part of the evening was the "adiosing" to Joe.

STROUER WILL FIGHT FARGO

Larry Strouer, the iron soldier, is now training at Faywood Hot Springs for his bout with Kid Fargo, which comes off at Tyrone on March 10th. Both these boys are fighters from the first bell to the last one, and the bout should be a hummer. They have both fought here and have shown they have the class, and as each one of them has been piling up a string of straight victories lately this meeting should give the dopesters something to figure about. Each of them is confident of winning and has no hesitation in saying so.

COURT BEGINS MONDAY

What promises to be the busiest term of the district court held in Silver City in many years will begin Monday, with Judge Colin Neblett, of the Sixth Judicial District presiding. The coming term will be featured by the trial of several important murder cases, since about seven prisoners are in custody, charged with this offense and their cases will be presented to the grand jury with a view to securing their indictment.

Chief among those who are charged with murder are Lucius C. Hightower, accused of shooting and killing his wife at Tyrone, November 30, 1915; T. G. Alsop, charged with having shot to death Roy Gibbs at Fierro, on December 13, 1915; Pete Montes, charged in Silver City on January 7, this year; Crescencio Molina, accused of causing the death of Belle Montoya, on the Mimbres, December 13, 1915; George Carlson, a soldier of the border patrol, alleged slayer of John White, a fellow soldier at Hachita, ten days ago, and several others.

The county jail is more than comfortably filled with prisoners, there being upwards of 70 in custody awaiting the convening of the grand jury, while a number are out on bond. This is the largest number of prisoners confined in the Grant county jail in several years. The sheriff's office has been busy the past two weeks serving summons on prospective grand and petit jurors for service at the forthcoming court term.

PLAN A PERSONAL ALLOWANCE TRIP

Autoists from Douglas, Bisbee, Clifton, Morenci and other dry points in Arizona are planning a motorcade to Lordsburg to secure their allowance of liquors as prescribed by the high courts of Arizona, which is: One case of whiskey, one barrel of beer, and a jug of wine. The Attorney General of Arizona has been asked to go on the trip to see that the allowance was not overstepped.

Inclement weather prevented the trip but as soon as the sun comes out nice again it will doubtless be made. The local refreshment establishments are stocking up for the event.

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MINES AND MINING

STEINS MINES

An important discovery of bronze has been made in the eastern foothills of the Peloncillo mountains, about seven miles south of Steins Pass, New Mexico, by J. M. McKenzie, E. Waller McKenzie, and Linsey Darrow of San Simon, Ariz., says the El Paso Times. They have brought a carload of ore from their Stockton group in the same district to El Paso. Mr. McKenzie, sr., is a cattleman and follows mining incidentally.

The bronze occurs in a fissure vein ten feet wide. The samples have a bright golden appearance, and might easily be mistaken for the yellow metal and are being analyzed by Johnson and Anthony of El Paso to determine if they do not actually carry gold. Bronze is a variety of enstatite, often of a bronze-like luster. It is a silicate of magnesia and iron, and of he pyroxene family. It is used in gilding picture frames for decorative purposes, and is classed as one of the rare metals.

There is considerable mining activity in the mountains south of Steins Pass, all the way north from Granite Gap to the Southern Pacific railroad, according to Mr. McKenzie. The Stockton group is being developed, and is producing copper ore, containing both glance and carbonates. John Moffitt and D. L. Creswell are working the South Virginia claim on the west side of the Peloncillo range, due west of the Stockton group, and today are shipping another car of high grade copper ore. Their shipments average 6 percent copper, and the ore is being shipped to the El Paso smelting works.

The November Mining claim is also working a considerable force of men and has just shipped a car of 65 tons of silver-lead ore to the El Paso smelter. W. H. Kinnon is general manager. North of Steins Pass is the El Oro group and the National Mines Company's gold and silver mines are being developed.

At Steeple Rock

The water in the Carlisle mine has been lowered to the 500 foot level during the week, and it will be but a short time before the mine is entirely drained. All that remains to be drained is the 500 foot level, a winze sunk from that level and about 1,100 of drifts. In the process of unwatering the mine a pump was uncovered on the 300 foot level which had been under water for 27 years, and strange as it may seem, it is in good condition and operated when the steam was turned into it, says the Duncan News.

Arrangement are being made for the beginning of active mining operations in the near future. Comparatively little repair work is necessary under ground, as the timbers are all in excellent condition.

A rich zinc strike was recently made at the Zinc King mine at Bullard's peak, ten miles from Red Rock by George W. Spencer, who has been operating that property for some time. A 10 foot vein was recently encountered in a cross-cut tunnel at a depth of 100 feet, which proved to be solid ore assaying 40 per cent zinc besides gold and silver. The formation is a porphyry quartz. The property has been developed by three tunnels and considerable work has been done with excellent results.—Duncan News.

WELDON MAKES STRIKE

Frank Weldon and associates, who are working the Nellie Gray mine, well known here as the "Mollie's Dream", when it was located by Chris Yeager, made one of the biggest strikes in the camp Wednesday when they uncovered a blind ledge several feet wide averaging 30 percent copper with good silver and gold values. The strike has caused a rush to the Bonney district.

Lister, Aker and Stephens, who are working nearby claims under bond from Mr. Crist of Beloit, Wis., have shipped their first carload of ore. The values are exceedingly high and the vein is widening with depth. All indication point to their property as a "comer."

GOLD STRIKE

It is reported that an important gold strike was made by Charles R. Smith and George Hayden in an old prospect hole four miles north of the Volcano mine at Steins. A rush is being made to that section.

Manager Briel of the Star theater is having new scenery painted for his stage, a new movie screen installed, and a fireproof advertising curtain made by an artist who arrived here Monday.

Lordsburg Ore Shipments Increase 116 Per Cent

George R. Drysdale, auditor and treasurer of the Arizona and New Mexico Railroad, was here last Saturday en route to Clifton from Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he appeared before the State tax commission for his company protesting against a raise in taxes. That ore shipments from the Lordsburg district increased 116 per cent in 1915, or from 1,531,137 ton miles in 1914 to 3,307,814 ton miles last year was an interesting fact disclosed by Mr. Drysdale at the opening session of the State tax commission.

The ore shipments in question were made almost entirely by the "85" Mining Company, the second most important copper producer in the State. A branch line to the 85 Mine was built by the Arizona and New Mexico railroad last year.

Mr. Drysdale appeared before the commission to protest against the raise of \$380,510 in the valuation of the Arizona & New Mexico railroad, decreed by the tax commission at its November meeting, and to ask that a reduction be granted. His request for a reduction was based principally on the fact that for nearly five months, beginning September 11, 1914, the three big copper companies of the Clifton district of Arizona, which this company serves, were tied up by a strike, as a result of which, according to his statement, "not a pound of ore was mined or smelted by any of the companies, and the freight business normally created by these companies ceased absolutely."

Mr. Drysdale said that the companies affected by the strike—the Shannon, Detroit and Arizona—contributed, during the fiscal year ending June 30, last, 74.36 per cent of the total business handled by the Arizona and New Mexico railroad, the 85 Mine in the Lordsburg district of New Mexico contributing 19.02 per cent of the tonnage.

A Coming Treat

Too much praise cannot be given manager Briel for engaging the Schubert soloists of Chicago, to appear here on Thursday, 16th of March, at the Star Theatre. These artists are too well known in all the principal cities of the North American continent to need any introduction to readers of The Western Liberal.

Cattle Deal

Another big cattle deal was made in Duncan last Saturday, when W. W. Wilkey purchased one-half interest in the cattle owned by G. E. Head and W. F. Willis, Mr. Wilkey buying the interest of Mr. Head. The consideration is said to have been \$20,000. The new owner took immediate possession.—Duncan News.

WALNUT WELLS

C. O. Wells attended the land sale at Silver City the 25th. Miss Mary Jackson, after a very pleasant visit of two months with home folks, will leave for El Paso today accompanied by her sister, Miss Alice, who will make a short visit in that city.

We are sorry to lose Mr. Hinson from our midst. He left on the 1st for Jefferson City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Butchfield, of Hachita, were in our neighborhood, Saturday. Messrs. J. A. Deaton, Frank Burgett and C. O. Willis made a business trip to Silver City last week.

A number of our citizens attended court in Hachita Thursday and Friday.

M. L. Massey is on the sick list this week.

ANIMAS VALLEY

W. R. Tolliver died at Douglas, on the night of the 22d, at 10:20 o'clock from appendicitis. Mr. Tolliver taught school in the valley and was a friend of everyone. All regret his sudden death.

There was a masquerade ball at Cloverdale on the night of the 21st and all report a fine time.

J. B. Seale has sold his place in the valley to Ben and Bob Pague. He expects to go to Arizona in a short time.

There was a meeting at the Animas valley school house on Saturday night and the Animas Literary Society was organized. Charles Wright was elected president, Robert Wright vice president, and Miss Eliza M. Dunagan, secretary. The next meeting will be on the night of March 18, 1916. Everybody is cordially invited.

MINSTREL SHOW

A GRAND SUCCESS

Everyone and his neighbor turned out Saturday night to witness the first performance of the Coontown Minstrels of Lordsburg in their hilarious and excellent presentation at the Star theater. It was a glorious success in every way and nothing ever presented on the local thespian platform ever made more of a hit.

The theater was packed and crowded long before the show began and the box office receipts showed the band to be again on a sound financial basis.

The show started off with the usual circle, Nat Gammon presiding as interlocutor and Harry Foley and Matt Mansfield as end men. They gave some hot shots that brought down the house. Midway the end men retired in favor of Sam Gass and Wm. Tyra, who kept the audiences entertained with laughs at the rate of a mile a minute. The delivery was good and the jokes brand new. During the first act the following musical renditions were given: "Tulip Time in Holland," by John Crowell; "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey," by Wm. Tyra; "I'm on my Way to Dixie," by Matt Mansfield; "The Anvil Song," by Dr. M. M. Crocker; "A Little Bit of Heaven," by Joe Nygren; "Dixie Kid," by Fay Nygren; and the wind-up, "Kentucky Jubilee," by Sam Gass. Each song was given in a most pleasing manner, with the chorus by the entire company. The encores were deafening.

A dialogue with a "beauty chorus" was given between Acts 1 and 2, ending with the "Barbers' Ball" chorus. Between Acts 2 and 3 Prof. Nead sang and played the "Nigger Blues" and Wm. Tyra gave a "colored suffragette" monologue. Both made a decided hit with the audience and received hearty applause.

The "Incorporation of Coontown" followed with a burlesque "Lordsburg band" that received the generous approval of the audience. The jokes in the "Incorporation" sketch were all localized and took the audience off their feet. Every member of the company had an important part and handled it much to the delight of the spectators. Joe Nygren and Prof. Nead played a saxophone duet which demanded several repetitions from the big crowd. Miss Fay Nygren sang a most pleasing solo and the Crocker, Mansfield, Gass, Nygren quartet all contended for first honors. The sketch captivated the audience and made one of the biggest hits of the evening.

The finale was a sketch, "The Manager's Trials," in which some of Lordsburg's best material showed the trials of a theatrical manager in securing competent members for his company. Joe Nygren handled the part of the manager in a talented way and one in which he was perfectly at home. W. N. Tyra played the part of "Sunflower," the office boy, much to the delight of all, and Matt Mansfield in the character of "Orlando Tatters," the has-been actor, was a scream. Miss Mary Beam made a decided hit as Mademoiselle De Limbre, a French dancer. She handled her part with the ease becoming one of a long experience on the stage. Miss Dorothy Chase as Udoxe Persimmons, an old maid, took a hard portrayal with grace.

fulless. She sent the audience into convulsions and got a big slice of the evening's applause. Bob Reynolds capably represented "Sissy Dever", an effeminate theatrical aspirant, and Harry Foley as "Fritz Dinkelspiel," was a howling success. When Harry sang "Ach du Lieber Augustine" he was a sure cure for the blues. Red McElgin wound up the show by most dramatically arresting "Bill Scrapper," who was none other than Sam H. Gass. Mr. Gass held up his end of the sketch in professional style.

Besides those already mentioned the following helped make the show the big success it was: Misses Inez Trimble, Lois Locklear, Rachel Robson, Mrs. W. N. Tyra, Mrs. H. S. Spink, Messrs. Hefflin, Ownby, Spink and W. C. Nead.

The orchestra pieces preceding the performance were treats of the evening.

All in all the show was not to be excelled. Every member of the big company is to be highly complimented. It is trusted that the show will be repeated when those who did not obtain seats Saturday night may have a chance to witness it.

SCHOOL NOTES

The regular meeting of the Patrons' Society will be held at the K. of P. Hall, at eight o'clock, Thursday evening, March 9.

A week from Saturday the Silver City girls' basketball team will play the locals on our court. This team are champions, having not lost a game. We would like to add another star to our constellation. Come and see us annex it.

Preparations for May-day are under way. There will be an interclass track meet, for both boys and girls, besides other exhibitions.

The committees for the ensuing year in the Patron's Society are: Program: Miss Huggett, Mrs. Nygren, Mrs. Scott, Miss Wright, Dr. M. M. Crocker. Finance: J. Muir, Mr. Chase, B. B. Ownby, Mrs. DeMoss, Mr. Woodward. Social: Mrs. Trimble, Mrs. Tyson, Mrs. Chas. Fuller, J. S. Wells, Mr. Morningstar, Miss Veatch, Miss M. Beam.

SAD ACCIDENT AT CLIFTON

Archibald Morrison, superintendent of the Arizona Copper Company's concentrator, and E. C. Heck, superintendent of the Clifton waterworks, were killed late Sunday when the automobile in which they were riding plunged down an embankment near Morenci and turned over. Four other men in the automobile were injured.

The accident cast a gloom over the entire community, as all the men killed were well and favorably known.

Rev. J. A. Land is preaching at Columbus, N. M., this Sunday and on the following Sunday it is hoped to have a joint meeting of the Lordsburg churches when Rev. Land has been urged to preach the sermon he delivered last Sunday night on the "Personal Responsibility for the conditions in Lordsburg."

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